GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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FUND ALLOTTED UNDER DESTITUTE HANDLOOM WEAVERS SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance given by the Government under the Destitute Handloom Weavers Scheme in the Country during the last three years, State-wise, year-wise;

(b) details of the weavers Co-operative Societies which have been benefited under the scheme;

(c) whether the Government are opening dispensaries and hospitals to serve the weaving class under Health Package Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the housing schemes for weavers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) The scheme of Margin Money for Destitute Weavers has been discontinued from 1st April, 1997 and was merged with Project Package Scheme. No fresh proposals for the weavers cooperative societies/State Govt. have been considered thereafter. However, funds have been released as second and final instalment for the proposals sanctioned earlier. State-wise assistance released under this scheme during the last three years is given below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of the State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	-	26.50
2.	Gujarat	-	0.70	
3.	Himachal Pradesh	2.22	-	-
4.	Kerala	12.85	-	-
5.	Karnataka	-	2.50	-
6.	Nagaland	5.00	-	-
7	Orissa	-	72.50	-
8.	Punjab	-	-	0.50
9.	Tamil Nadu	33.80	-	-
10.	Tripura	-	2.50	-
11.	Uttar Pradesh	1.00	-	-
12.	West Bengal	-	9.00	-

Total:- 54.87 86.50 27.70

c) & d) There is no provision for opening of Dispensaries and Hospitals under the Health Package Scheme,however assistance is provided for setting up of Primary Health Centre .

(e) The Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme was introduced with the objective to provide a dwelling unit and suitable work place to weavers to improve their productivity, quality of life and earnings. The Central assistance under the Scheme is provided for construction of Rural and Urban Workshed @ Rs.7000/- and Rs.10,000/- respectively and Rs.18,000/- for Rural Workshed-cum-Houses, Rs.20,000/- for Urban Workshed-cum-Houses (per unit).